



Puzzle #724

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ACROSS

1. This puzzle presents 7 “come back” kids: birds and animals that once called Mo. home, then became ____ or non-existent here, but now are settled “back home” in Mo.
5. “The (moon’s) ____ seems quite close to you because the curvature is so much more pronounced than on earth. It’s an interesting place. I recommend it,” —Neil Armstrong.
11. Mo. was once home to an ____ black bear population. By the early 1900’s, because of habitat loss and unregulated hunting, the bears were basically gone. But, from the 1960s, spillover from successful bear restoration in Arkansas & Oklahoma has caused Mo.’s bear population to grow, in 2019, to approx. 540-840 bears. Bear management & “bear aware” guidelines accompany the return of this native animal.
12. “This world is neither heaven nor hell, but it is preparation for ____ or the other,” —from *My Descent Into Death* by Howard Storm.
13. The coach ____ down his player’s injured arm.
14. One member of the third plague’s swarms (Exodus 8:12-14).
15. Fargo, at 124,600 pop., is this State’s largest city (abbr.).
16. Coastal mountain in Israel from which the Carmelite Order gets its name.
18. Slangy no.
20. In text: of course.
21. “____ I walked down the streets of Laredo...”; “Streets of Laredo,” also called “Cowboy’s Lament,” was sung by a score of folk and country singers; Johnny Cash was one of the more popular.
23. Sooner State (abbr.).
25. Mo. almost lost the sights and sounds of migrating ____ and ducks and shorebirds. With the restoration of wetlands beginning in 1989, millions of migrating waterfowl now stop to feed and rest in Mo. to the delight of hunters and birdwatchers alike.
27. ____ Lanka; island off the coast of India which surprisingly had a larger Christian population than Ireland at one time.
28. “...for through your goodness we have received the ____ we offer you; fruit of the vine and work of human hands...” —prayers over the gifts at the offertory of the Mass.
29. 5th book of the Bible.
30. Mo.’s tallest tree, as per 2020, is a scarlet ____ near Lake Wappapello. It towers 150 ft. above the forest floor, the same as four utility poles stacked end-to-end.
31. Prefix for mind or wind.
33. St. John Vianney, the Cure (parish priest) of ____, is the patron saint of parish priests.
34. In 1925, only 400 deer remained in Mo. In 1937, deer hunting was made _____. In 2019 over a million whitetails roam

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- free in Mo. and hunters commonly check more than 100,000 deer in the Nov. firearms season alone.
37. The ____, sometimes called the pulpit or lectern, is the formal name for the stand from which the gospel is read in a Catholic Mass.
40. Mo. has been called the Saudi Arabia of _____. It’s been mined here since the 1700s. The main source of this ore, galena, is Mo.’s state mineral. Even today some of the largest remaining deposits of this ore in the world are located in southeast Mo.
41. Pack animal of the Andes.
43. The ____ Church, or Latter Day Saints, also called Mormons, are centered in Utah. The Mo. branch of the Church, The Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, is headquartered in independence, Mo. In 2001, this branch changed their name to Community of Christ.
44. The name of an ancient (Old Testament) inhabitant of Israel is called an Israelite. A citizen of the modern State of Israel is call an ____.

DOWN

1. A bow (i.e., ____) in the clouds was God’s covenant sign with Noah which promised that “waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings,” —see Genesis 9:13-17.
2. The first four of twenty-six.
3. Regret.
4. Though the bald eagle was adopted as America’s symbol in 1982, it has struggled nationally and here in Mo. In 1963, due to loss of habitat and pesticides, only 487 nesting pairs were left nationwide, and eagles were declared _____. In Mo., young bald eagles began being released into nesting habitats from 1981-1990. Today there are approx. 500 just in Mo.
5. Like the bald eagle, the Peregrine Falcon disappeared from Mo. in the mid-1900s, mainly due to pesticides. But they

- have returned and found an unusual new habitat: the skyscrapers and smokestacks of St. Louis & KC. In the past 7 years, 196 young falcons were ____ from 14 nesting pairs, the highest pop. ever documented in Mo.
6. "For the man ____ whom this sign of healing had been done was over 40 years old," (Acts 4:22).
 7. ____ (formerly Russia Today) is a state-controlled internet, TV & radio network funded by the Russian gov't.
 8. Though elk once roamed throughout most of North Am., by 1886 they had been hunted out of Mo. There was no herd in the Show-Me State in the 20th cen. In 2011, elk were reintroduced to Mo. into a restricted ____.
- The herd has settled into its Mo. home. The benchmarks for a very limited hunting season were reached in 2020.
9. He did it ____; i.e., on the spur of the moment (3 wds.).
 10. "The kingdom of heaven is like a ____ thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind," (Matthew 13:47).
 14. This car company discontinued its gas-guzzling Hummer in 2010 but the name will appear on a new all-electric vehicle in 2022.
 17. Fish eggs.
 19. Am. English (____) is different from British English mainly in vocabulary (the trunk of a car in the US is the boot of the car in the UK) and spelling (color in the US; colour in the UK).
 22. Yes for Pablo.
 24. Early Mo. was thick with wild turkeys. But by 1937 all but 2,500 had been ____.
 26. "Solomon had four thousand ____ for his twelve thousand chariot horses," (1 Kings 5:6).
 27. The internet country code for Saudi Arabia.
 30. Bin Laden; terrorist leader.
 32. For example; from the Latin, *exempli gratia*.
 34. The posse caught the bank robber before he could stash his ____-gotten gains.
 35. ____ Vegas.
 36. Muhammed ____ is considered one of the greatest boxers of all time.
 38. ____ West, the "bad girl" of Hollywood in her day.
 39. Japanese sash.
 42. Prefix for range or my.